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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, NATO, US

SUBJECT: TRAINING EXERCISE BUFFALO GRASS

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1. THE US WISHES TO CONDUCT STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND (SAC)

FLYING TRAINING MISSIONS INTO THE EUROPEAN THEATER ON A LIMITED BASIS. THE EXERCISE CONCEPT, NICKNAMED BUFFALO GRASS, ENVISIONS TWO B-52S LAUNCHED FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR A SIMULATED LOW LEVEL BOMB RUN ON THE RAMSTEIN AB RADAR BOMB SITE. THE B-52S WOULD THEN RETURN TO CONUS WITHOUT LANDING IN EUROPE. A DATE FOR THE INITIAL TRAINING MISSIONS HAS NOT BEEN SET. NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CARRIED.

2. PURPOSE OF BUFFALO GRASS WOULD BE TO EXERCISE CONCEPT OF EMPLOYING SAC FORCES IN SUPPORT OF EUROPEAN CONTINGENCIES. BUFFALO GRASS WOULD EXERCISE LOW LEVEL COMMAND AND CONTROL STRUCTURE AND ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL OPERATIONAL PROBLEM AREAS. FURTHER, EXERCISE SHOULD SERVE TO EMPHASIZE US COMMITMENT TO EUROPEAN DEFENSE.

3. REQUEST THAT EMBASSIES BONN AND LONDON APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL, INFORM THEM OF PROPOSED B-52 FLIGHTS, AND SEEK THEIR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE. IF EITHER EMBASSY PERCEIVES REQUIREMENT FOR A SPECIFIC

DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE, SAC WILL SUBMIT MISSION DETAILS DIRECTLY TO USDAO IN THAT COUNTRY.

4. REQUEST THAT MILITARY ADDRESSEES OF THIS MESSAGE BE INCLUDED IN EMBASSY RESPONSE.

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